

Newsletter on Zonta International District 13 (2018–2020) United Nations and Council of Europe Committee No. 1



United Nations Headquarters in New York City, view from Roosevelt Island.

The United Nations is an international organization founded in 1945. It is currently made up of 193 Member States. The mission and work of the United Nations are guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter.

Due to the powers vested in its Charter and its unique international character, the United Nations can take action on the issues confronting humanity in the 21st century, such as peace and security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, disarmament, terrorism, humanitarian and health emergencies, gender equality, governance, food production, and more.

The United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945, when the Charter had been ratified by Denmark, Norway, China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and by a majority of other signatories. United Nations Day is celebrated on 24 October each year.

Meeting at Jokohama Convention

Dorte Olesen, Aurelija Gefieniene, outgoing ZI UN Committee leader Leslie Wright, Astrid Grude Eikseth, Hanne Friis, Ruta Jasioniene, Ruth Fagerhaug.



Conference to launch the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018–2023. Copenhagen, 3–4 May 2018



Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mary of Denmark.



Hanne Friis with the Conference Poster for Council of Europe Strategy 2018–2023.



Evar Kjer Hansen, Minister for Equal Opportunities, Denmark, and Hanne Friis, District 13 UN and CoE Committee.

The conference was organised by the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe in partnership with the Department for Gender Equality, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Denmark had the chairmanship from November 2017 – May 2018.

There was an address by Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Denmark.

Welcome remarks from Eva Kjer Hansen, Minister for Equal Opportunities, Denmark, and Gabriella Battani-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe.

Hanne Friis attended the conference as a representative of Zonta.

In the next newsletter there will be more information about the Conference and CoE.

News from Jokohama Convention 2018 **Projects and programs for Zonta in cooperation with UN**

1. Let us learn Madagascar in cooperation with UNICEF

The project is aimed to young girls so that they continue at junior high schools.
It also upgrades the class room equipment and teacher education.



2. Eid bi eid – hand in hand – in Jordan in cooperation with UN Women

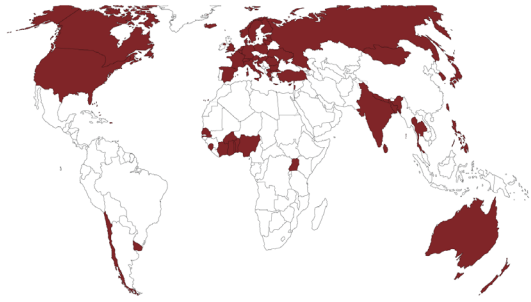
Syrian children in refugee camps in Jordan get healthy meals at Oasis Child Care Centres.
Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanian women get training for decent work.
The project also aims to enable greater equality and reduced violence against women.



3. Ending Child Marriage in cooperation with UNICEF and UNFPA

A longterm project in 12 countries in Africa and Asia which aims to develop laws and framework to promote the rights of girls to delay marriage.
The projects will build knowledge of girls at risk of child marriage and support those girls already married.





Zonta International Membership and Clubs*

Members more than **29,000** Clubs more than **1,150** Countries **63**

Z and Golden Z Student Clubs*



Clubs **249** Countries **22**



Clubs **117** Countries **19**

*as of 31 May 2018

Zonta International Partnerships and Representation

2018-2020
Biennium Partners



United Nations (UN)

Zonta International advocates primarily through its General Consultative Status with ECOSOC at the United Nations and has been affiliated with the UN since 1969.

The Zonta International UN Committee has representatives in New York, Vienna, Geneva, Paris and Bangkok.

Council of Europe

Zonta International also has Participatory Status at the Council of Europe. Zonta International has been represented in the Council of Europe since 1983.



Who are the UN and CoE Committee, and what do we do?

The committee is knowledgeable about the United Nations (UN) and Council of Europe (CoE), about Zonta's relationship with the UN and CoE and about how clubs can develop informational programs and activities related to Zonta's relationships with the UN and CoE.

The committee send out newsletters with information about these things to the clubs.

The members of the committee in 2018–2020 are:

Hanne Friis, Denmark, Committee chairman, Astrid Grude Eikseth, Norway, Ruta Jasioniene, Lithuania, Hildur Helga Gisladdottir, Iceland, and Elsemette Cassoe, Denmark.

Warm regards from District 13 UN and CoE Committee team



Hanne
Friis,
Denmark
(Chairman)



Astrid Grude
Eikseth,
Norway



Elsemette
Cassoe,
Denmark



Hildur Helga
Gisladdottir,
Iceland



Ruta
Jasioniene,
Lithuania

The committee will send to the clubs ideas about Zonta and Conference of Europe (ppt) in late October, and the next Newsletter in December.

